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114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. GOSAR introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to prohibit the use of benefits to purchase marijuana products, to amend part A of title IV of the Social Security Act to prohibit assistance provided under the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families from being accessed through the use of an electronic benefit transfer card at any store that offers marijuana for sale, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “No Welfare for Weed
3 Act of 2015”.

4 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENT TO FOOD AND NUTRITION ACT OF**
5 **2008.**

6 Section 3(k) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008
7 (7 U.S.C. 2012(k)) is amended by inserting “, marijuana
8 products,” after “tobacco,”.

9 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON USE OF ELECTRONIC BENEFIT**
10 **TRANSFER CARD TO ACCESS TANF ASSIST-**
11 **ANCE AT ANY STORE THAT OFFERS MARI-**
12 **JUANA FOR SALE.**

13 (a) PROHIBITION.—Section 408(a)(12)(A) of the So-
14 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 608(a)(12)(A)) is amended—

15 (1) by striking “or” at the end of clause (ii);

16 (2) by striking the period at the end of clause

17 (iii) and inserting “; or”; and

18 (3) by adding at the end the following:

19 “(iv) any establishment that offers
20 marihuana (as defined in section 102(16)
21 of the Controlled Substances Act) for
22 sale.”.

23 (b) PENALTY.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 409(a)(16) of such
25 Act (42 U.S.C. 609(a)(16)) is amended by adding at
26 the end the following:

1 “(D) PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF CLAUSE
2 (IV) OF SECTION 408(A)(12)(A).—If, within 2
3 years after the date of the enactment of this
4 subparagraph, a State has not reported to the
5 Secretary on the implementation by the State of
6 the policies and practices required by section
7 408(a)(12)(A)(iv), or the Secretary determines,
8 based on information provided in State reports,
9 that a State has not implemented and main-
10 tained the policies and practices, the Secretary
11 shall reduce, by an amount equal to 5 percent
12 of the State family assistance grant, the grant
13 payable to the State under section 403(a)(1)
14 for—

15 “(i) the fiscal year immediately suc-
16 ceeding the fiscal year in which the 2-year
17 period ends; and

18 “(ii) each succeeding fiscal year in
19 which the State does not demonstrate that
20 the State has implemented and maintained
21 the policies and practices.”.

22 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section
23 409(a)(16) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 609(a)(16)) is
24 amended—

1 (A) in subparagraph (A), by inserting
2 “(except for the policies and practices required
3 by section 408(a)(12)(A)(iv))” after “section
4 408(a)(12)”;

5 (B) in subparagraph (B), by inserting “or
6 (D)” after “(A)”; and

7 (C) in subparagraph (C), by inserting “or
8 (D)” after “(A)”.

9 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

10 This Act and the amendments made by this Act shall
11 take effect 2 years after the date of the enactment of this
12 Act.